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dealing with bills in knowing that their action was final therefore making them more responsible. The arguments against it are very simply that it shouldn't require any more to raise a bill than it does to pass the bill. It requires 25 votes to pass the bill and therefore the argument goes that it shouldn't require any more if you get 25 votes out here on the floor to set it up and have it ready for a vote. As Chairman of the Rules Committee, as I say I wanted to present both sides and not express any personal feelings on this matter since I am sure that there will be some strong disagreement.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marsh. Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: A question for Senator DeCamp to start with. Was this voted on the floor by the rules committee?

SENATOR DE CAMP: It was voted on the floor by the Rules Committee and a number of Senators made the proposal and therefore the Rules Committee felt that it was and several of the Rules Committee members support it and some felt that it should be out here for open discussion on this very important matter since so many Senators have expressed a concern about it.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: What was the vote?

SENATOR DE CAMP: The vote was 4 to 0 with one abstention. Or one not voting. Senator Chambers did not vote.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: OK. I oppose the amendment and I think there is one additional reason for...the basic reason to only require 25 is, as Senator DeCamp says, because that is all it takes to pass a bill. If a bill has 25 supporters on the floor of the Legislature and three or four people in the Committee kill the bill, it certainly frustrates the will of the majority of the Legislature and, therefore, the majority of the represented will of the people of the state of Nebraska and that shouldn't be allowed to happen and the Committee structure is certainly not more important than what the majority of this body want to enact into law and we are here to devise by the majority what are the good laws for the state of Nebraska. We are not here to create a kingdom for a Committee chairman or members of Committees or create a situation where they are more powerful than the body, itself. That's not the purpose of the Committee system. The purpose of the Committee system is to provide a vehicle whereby the information on bills can be acquired. The public have an opportunity to express their opinion and a preliminary determination given as to the merits of a particular measure and, if a bill has considerable merit, it should be advanced to the floor and, if it does not, those frivolous or unmeritorious bills should be killed in Committee then. The Committee structure is not to frustrate the will of the majority of the Legislature and that is what you would be doing here. So in addition to that, I think there are some Committees in this body that are very well balanced with different points of view and some others that are not and, in those circumstances, good legislation or legislation that the majority of the Legislature would want, and by inference, the majority of